Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I want to know whether they are over-crowded.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* That has already been answered by the Engineering Member by saying that, on occasions about three persons are closed in one and the same cell.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the fact that there is no sufficient accommodation in our Jail and that there is over-crowding there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That is the very reason for constructing additional buildings.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will the proposed additional accommodation be sufficient to cope with the demand?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* There are at present 373 prisoners. The present accommodation is about 120 and the increase of 56 cells will make the total accommodation 176. It would fairly well suffice for the present strength of convicts in the Central Jail.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What was the number intended to be accommodated when the Jail was built?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Are not these rooms intended for single prisoners?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I think they are intended for two persons.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Were they not originally intended for one?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

A. R. P.—CONTRACTORS & EXPENDITURE

42. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state whether contractors have been appointed in the scheme of Air Raid Precautions, and if the answer is in the affirmative, will Government kindly state the expenditure incurred on this account?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Honorary contractors are selected. No expenditure is incurred on this account.

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